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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

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PROPOSALS FOR 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM SHORT COURSES

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is accepting proposals for day-long short courses to be held in conjunction with the 19th Annual Environmental Education State Symposium. This year's conference will be held at the Baton Rouge Marriott, February 19-20, 2016.

All short courses will take place on Friday, February 19, 2016 in the Baton Rouge area. The theme for this conference will be "Exploring the Natural World." It is not necessary for presenters to adhere to the theme, but short courses that complement the theme are encouraged.

The preferred method for submitting proposals is by web form at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/2016-environmental-education-symposium-short-course-presenter-form>.

If you are unable to submit the form by web, you can [download a Microsoft Word version here](#) and send the completed Word form to vortego@wlf.la.gov, or print and mail to:

Venise Ortego
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
5652 Hwy 182.
Opelousas, LA 70570

[Add the Environmental Education State Symposium to your Google Calendar.](#)

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SAVE THE DATE FOR LOUISIANA ENVIROTHON

The 2016 Louisiana Envirothon will be held on April 16, 2016 at the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens in Baton Rouge. Trainings will begin this fall but all study materials are already on the website at: www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon.

Envirothon is a great experience for your students! Here's what a few past participants had to say:

- Envirothon was amazing and truly kindled my interest in the subject matter where I was only partially interested before. Thank you so much! I feel like that candle has been lit again in my mind. Keep up the great work!
- I enjoyed working together with my team and seeing our knowledge and what we had worked for actually have a use.
- I love Envirothon, I cannot wait until next year!
- I'm beyond thankful for everything you did to help the competitors. The four years I have done this was truly amazing and educational.



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EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS AT UNO'S COASTAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FACILITY (CERF)

Elementary, Middle and High School teachers: Plan a wetland field trip to UNO CERF for your students this semester!

Explore the coastal environment through inquiry science. For more information email Dinah Maygarden at dmaygard@uno.edu or visit www.uno.edu/pontchartrain-institute/coastal-education-program.aspx

- Explore the coastal environment through inquiry science
- Staff will work with you to design a half-day or full-day field workshop for your students to meet your educational needs.
- Meet many current Louisiana Science GLEs as well as standards in math and social studies
- Students engage in hands-on inquiry activities

[Download the program flyer and application form.](#)

AND WE STILL DON'T GET IT ALL ...

Litter clean-up costs the U.S. more than an estimated \$11.5 billion each year.

Source: [Keep America Beautiful](#)

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BLUESTEM NATURAL AREAS REGISTRY NEWSLETTER VOLUME 2 ISSUE

Download the latest issue of the Louisiana Natural Areas Registry newsletter, BLUESTEM, on the [Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries website](#). Highlights include: SPECIES SPOTLIGHT: Louisiana Bearded Ants: *Pogonomyrmex badius* and *Pogonomyrmex Comanche*, and "True or False? Restoration Fosters Beautification, Beautification Fosters Preservation."

FREE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FROM NUTRIENTS FOR LIFE

Available at <http://www.nutrientsforlife.org/for-teachers>, teachers can find modules for elementary, middle and high school classrooms that provide STEM activities and lessons to show how the challenge to feed our world's growing population can be solved with science. The program addresses key objectives from the National Science Education Standards and has been reviewed by the Smithsonian Institution. In addition, our curricula is aligned to Common Core, Next Generation Science Standards, and all 50 state standards.

LEARN ABOUT AMERICA'S NEW CLEAN POWER PLAN

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy has written an article outlining the top six things to know about the country's new Clean Power Plan. This is a great source of material to spark classroom discussion and encourage students to think about the importance of producing clean, inexpensive energy. <https://blog.epa.gov/blog/2015/08/6-things-clean-power-plan/>

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